AN

ADDRESS

TO THE

PUBLIC,

ON THE

PRESENT PEACE,

BY

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LORD STAIR having repeatedly ſtated to the Public the abſolute neceſſity of a Peace, ariſing from the utterly exhauſted condition of our Finances;—which ſtatement he is greatly concerned to find will ſoon be authenticated by papers to be laid before Parliament to beyond, on a general balance betwixt income and expenditure, he fears, the utmoſt and moſt menacing extent he has

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aſſigned to it:—In this ſituation, hopeleſs almoſt, a Peace having been procured, (exceptionable, it muſt be confeſſed, in many particulars, but yet, if not abſolutely adequate to our faint external dawnings and glimmering openings of better ſucceſs, certainly more than adequate to our internal poverty and diſtreſs)—Lord STAIR, under the conviction and authority of the above plea of neceſſity, hopes he ſhall eſcape the imputation of preſumption, if he humbly but earneſtly ſolicits the public acquieſcence in the Peace.

LORD STAIR has no connections, public or private, direct or indirect, with Miniſtry, or with their opponents, or with any branch of either. He aſks and hopes, that the Public will comply with his requeſt, in pity to themſelves, to their poſterity, and, to ſay all in one word, in compaſſion to their Country. Even they who hate the Miniſter, may with a ſafe conſcience aſſent to the Peace; for though it may remove ſome part of the external preſſure, yet the complicated and (Lord STAIR fears) inſuperable internal difficulties that muſt

ariſe, from the narrowneſs of our income, and from the multiplicity of the demands on it, demands of favour and of right, and of neceſſity to the public ſafety, preſſing alike, and alike impoſſible to refuſe as to gratify, will leave our Miniſters in a ſituation not to be envied by any man that is ſure he is not to be hanged within the week.

Lord Stair again and again conjures the Public not to liſten to, leſt they ſhould be miſled (as we have all too often been) by the furious, frothy, ſelf-important declamations of men of deſperate purpoſes, and of deſperate fortunes, who have nothing to loſe; nor to ſuffer themſelves to be duped by the artful intereſted inſinuations of men who have much to gain by the continuance of the war: men, who, ſo far from being able to lay claim to the public confidence from any one virtue they poſſeſs, cannot even plead the merit of any one generous vice, to turn aſide from them the public indignation, or to excite the public pity towards them: men who have whetted their daggers againſt their ſtony hearts to wound their Country's peace;

who have overturned one Government, and have not had wiſdom nor diſintereſtedneſs enough to eſtabliſh another, but have ſubſtituted in the place of an Adminiſtration ſtained, as all human inſtitutions are, more or leſs, with imperfections, an abſolute anarchy.

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